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Bureau of Land Management,

I would like to express my concern over the way you plan to manage our public lands proposed under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. The forests that are in late successional reserves should stay in such reserves, be protected from logging and roadbuilding, and remain in their wild state. We should also be working to expand these reserves.

I am especially disturbed over the proposed increase in logging adjacent to creeks and streams. Salmon recovery in the Coast Range depends on healthy habitats and functioning riparian zones. Coho, Chinook, and Steelhead runs hold great economic, recreational, and ecological value. These species are in trouble and to degrade their habitat even more is illegal and wrong. The statement on the WOPR that you can shrink the riparian buffers and log in Late Successional Reserves with no or minimal impacts to fish is laughable.

I have requested via email to see the evidence that backs this assertion. I have had no response. I would like to request it again.

BLM land in the Coast Range is some of the only healthy habitat left. Please protect it and focus logging where it needs to be done - in plantations.

Sincerely,

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